

## CACHE COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS 2006-2016

Currently, Utah, its counties and the nation are experiencing an economic downturn. The occupational projections in this publication are not focused on today's economic situation, but rather, take a longer ten-year view of how industries in Utah will grow.

The Cache County labor market will grow at an average three-percent pace between 2006 and 2016. This is slightly higher than the rate projected for the state as a whole. The occupations with the most employment potential and better wages are shown in the table for Cache County. These are the five-star occupations. The star ratings are assigned in the two training levels defined previously.

Five occupations in the "associate/applied technology training to a bachelor's degree or more" group include three that are related to higher education at a university. The other two are registered nurses and general and operations managers.

In the group of occupations calling for less than an associate/applied technology training, the five-star list is longer. Of the ten titles in this list, six of the occupations are managers or first-line supervisors. Other occupations include team assemblers, accounting clerks, medical secretaries, and heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers. These five-star jobs are certainly not the only "good" jobs that will be available. Check the full list of occupations for Cache County at <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/pubs/outlooks/cache/index.html>.

### WANTED: COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—\$32.00
  - Utah Projected Openings per Year—190
  - Utah Annual Growth Rate—0.7 percent
- Stars—★★★★★**

Description—Convert project specifications and statements of problems and procedures to detailed, logical flow charts for coding into computer language. Develop and write computer programs to store, locate, and retrieve specific documents, data, and information. May program web sites.

Consider this—More than 90 percent of all computer programmer jobs are located along the Wasatch Front. Few opportunities exist for this profession in nonurban settings.

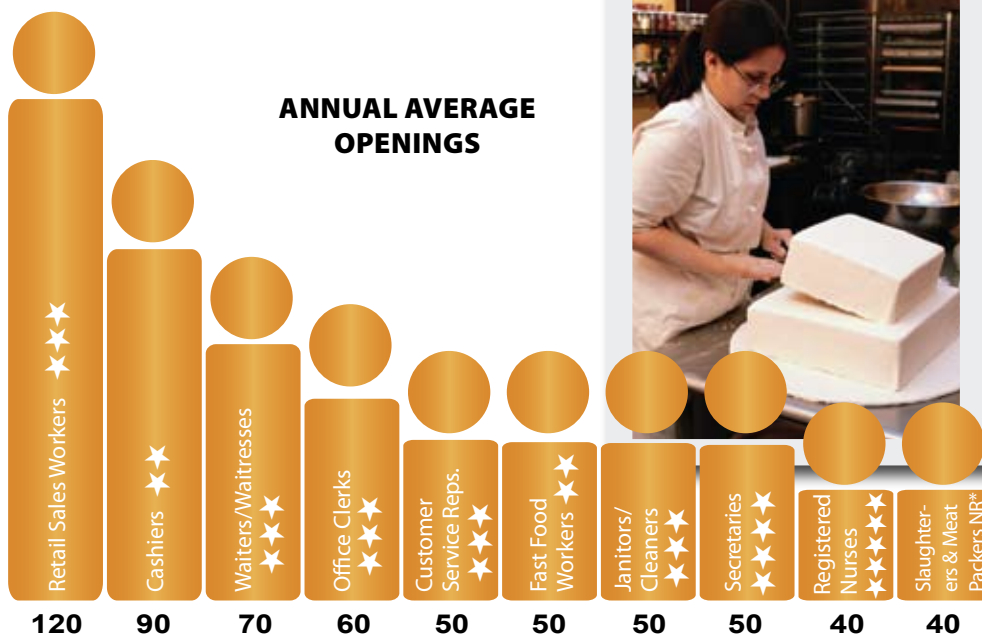


## CACHE COUNTY STAR RATINGS

For Cache County, Washington County, and nonmetro projections, the star ratings are based on rankings within the two following training-level groups:

- Bachelor's Degree or Higher, Associate Degree or After-High School Applied Technology Training
- Experience in the occupation, Long Term On-the-Job Training (more than 12 months combined with classroom on-the-job training), Moderate Term On-the-Job Training (one month to one year) or Short-Term On-the-Job Training (less than one month).

## OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST OPENINGS 2006-2016 CACHE COUNTY



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

\*Not Rated



## THE RATINGS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Five-star occupations have the strongest employment outlook and high wages.

★ ★ ★ ★ Four-star occupations have a good employment outlook and relatively high wages.

★ ★ ★ Three-star occupations have a moderate-to-strong employment outlook and low-to-moderate wages.

★ ★ Two-star occupations fall into two categories. Either they have a high wage and limited employment outlook or they have a low wage and strong employment outlook.

★ One-Star occupations have a limited employment outlook and low wages.



## TRAINING LEGEND

PR = Professional Degree  
DO = Doctorate Degree  
MA = Master's Degree  
BA = Bachelor's Degree  
DE = Degree plus Experience  
AS = Associate Degree  
AT = Applied Technology  
RE = Related Experience  
LT = Long-Term OJT  
MT = Moderate-Term OJT  
ST = Short-Term OJT



## CACHE "FIVE STAR" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ OCCUPATIONS BY TRAINING LEVEL • 2006-2016 BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL, & LESS THAN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

SOC	Training	Title	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE
13-2011	BA	Accountants and Auditors	\$21.50
11-9021	BA	Construction Managers	\$30.50
11-1021	DE	General and Operations Managers	\$30.00
23-1011	PR	Lawyers	\$40.00
29-1111	AS	Registered Nurses	\$24.00

## CACHE "FIVE STAR" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ OCCUPATIONS BY TRAINING LEVEL • 2006-2016 EXPERIENCE-RELATED, LONG-TERM, MODERATE-TERM, & SHORT-TERM ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

SOC	Training	Title	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE
43-3031	MT	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$12.00
47-2031	LT	Carpenters	\$16.50
47-2141	MT	Painters	\$13.00
47-1011	RE	Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$20.00
43-1011	RE	Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$18.00
51-1011	RE	Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$19.00
41-1011	RE	Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$16.00
53-3032	MT	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	\$15.00

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.



## WANTED: FARMER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**Not Available**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—  
Roughly 50
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—Down almost  
10 percent

Stars—★

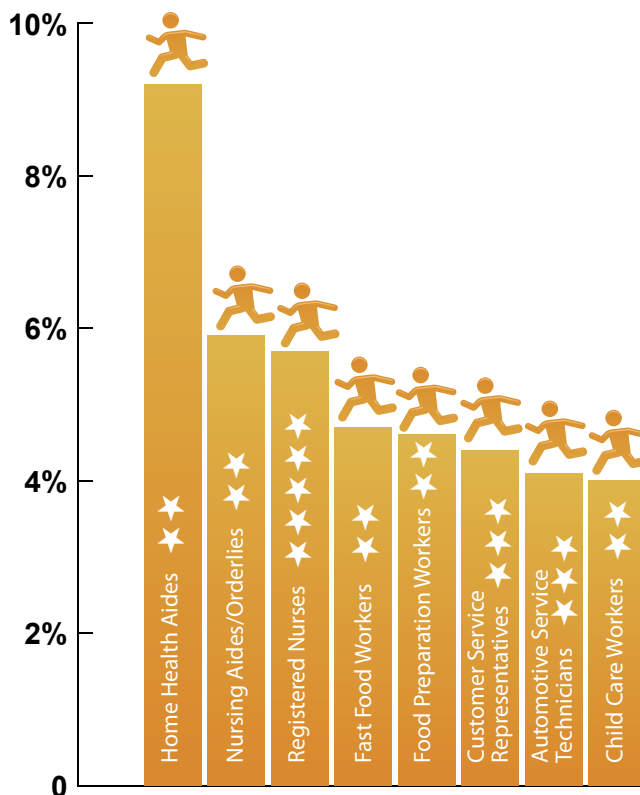
Description— On an ownership or rental basis, operate farms, ranches, greenhouses, nurseries, timber tracts, or other agricultural production establishments which produce crops, horticultural specialties, livestock, poultry, finfish, shellfish, or animal specialties. Includes operators of cotton gins, packing houses, and other post-harvest operations. May plant, cultivate, harvest, perform post-harvest activities, and market crops and livestock.

Consider this—Even though this occupation is expected to contract dramatically, there will still be opportunities for those who want to make farming their occupation. Farming has the oldest workers of any occupational group. As these workers leave the profession, they will provide younger workers with the opportunity to take up farming and ranching.

## CACHE COUNTY GROWTH

The Cache County labor market will grow at an average 3-percent pace between 2006 and 2016.

## FASTEST GROWING CACHE COUNTY OCCUPATIONS WITH 30 OR MORE ANNUAL OPENINGS 2006—2016



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.





## A POSITIVE IMPACT

Study after study concludes that education has a significant and positive impact on an individual's expected wages.

Another, less touted, benefit to education is that the more you have, the less likely you are to find yourself unemployed.

## FAQs

**Q:** Teaching is a great profession. Why doesn't it get a "five star" rating?

**A:** Star ratings are based on three things—training level, employment outlook, and wages. We're not making any judgments about the value of a particular occupation. Star ratings are intended to simplify career investigation. Because most school teachers have a nine-month contract, their annual wages tend to be lower than wages for a number of other degree-required positions calling for year-round employment. On the other hand, their median wages are higher than many occupations requiring at least a bachelor's degree.

## CACHE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL

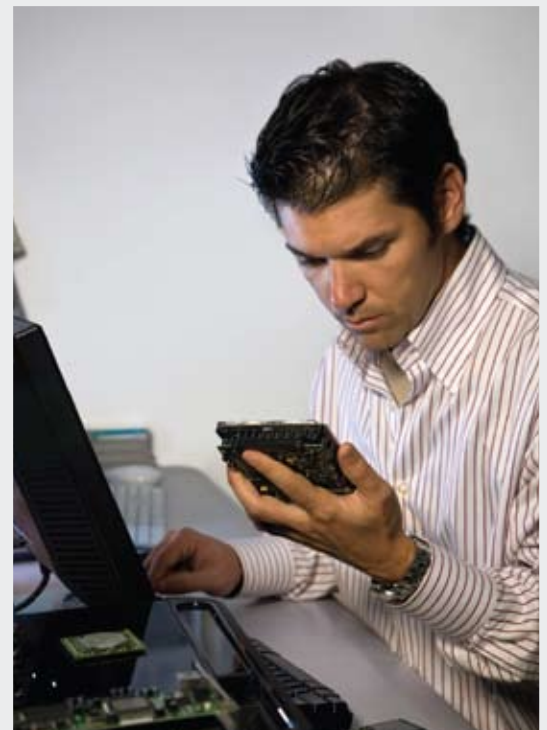
The occupations with the most employment potential and better wages are the five-star occupations.

### WANTED: COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$31.00**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—210
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—4.6 percent
- Stars—★★★★★**

Description—Analyze science, engineering, business, and all other data processing problems for application to electronic data processing systems. Analyze user requirements, procedures, and problems to automate or improve existing systems and review computer system capabilities, workflow, and scheduling limitations. May analyze or recommend commercially available software.

Consider this—This profession is part of one of the fastest growing occupational groups—computer and mathematical occupations. Its high wage and employment opportunities make it a five-star job.



## CACHE COUNTY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ANNUAL AVERAGE OPENINGS • 2006—2016



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## FAQs

**Q:** I know someone with training in a five star occupation, yet they are competing with lots of other individuals for every job opening. Should this occupation REALLY have a five-star ranking?

**A:** Star rankings are based on employer demand. Unfortunately, we don't have good data for occupational "supply." So, even though there may be many openings for a particular job an excess supply of workers may make obtaining a position difficult.

**Q:** My county's information is lost among many other counties in the non-metro group. Why don't you do projections for every county?

**A:** We'd love to do projections for every county. However, the sample size of the survey which provides occupational information is too small to support any smaller areas.



### WANTED: RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$25.00**
  - Utah Projected Openings per Year—40
  - Utah Annual Growth Rate—3.8 percent
- Stars— ★ ★ ★ ★ ★**

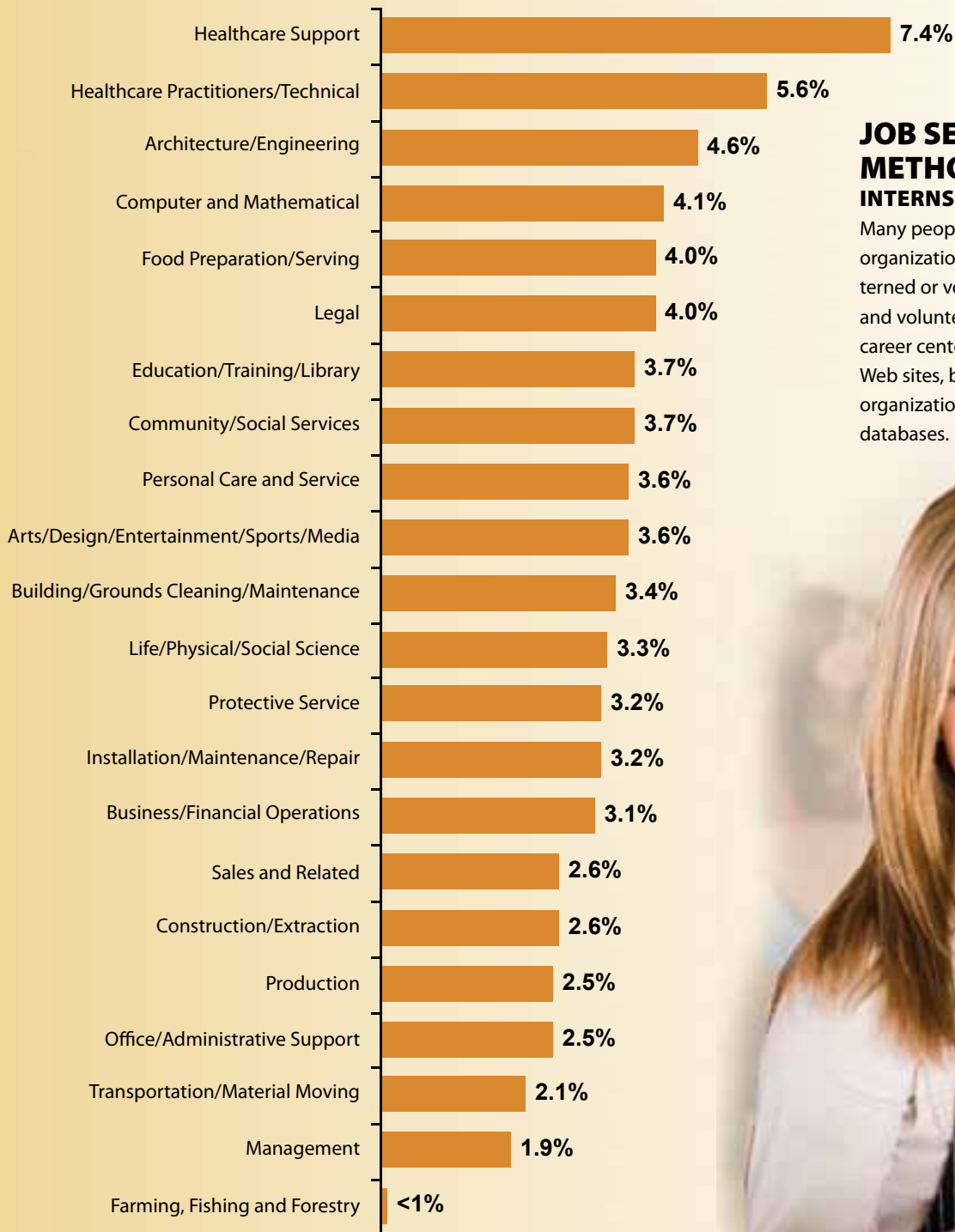
Description—Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

Consider this—This job may not have many openings, but it is a high-growth occupation, indicating that there will continue to be a demand for people in this job in the future. This job requires at least an associate degree and licensure by the state of Utah. The demand for workers in the healthcare industry is expected to continue to grow, so choosing a job in this industry will help ensure that you have a job.





## CACHE COUNTY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH 2006—2016



### JOB SEARCH METHODS— INTERNSHIPS

Many people find jobs with business and organizations with whom they have interned or volunteered. Look for internships and volunteer opportunities on job boards, career centers, and company and association Web sites, but also check community service organizations and volunteer opportunity databases.



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.



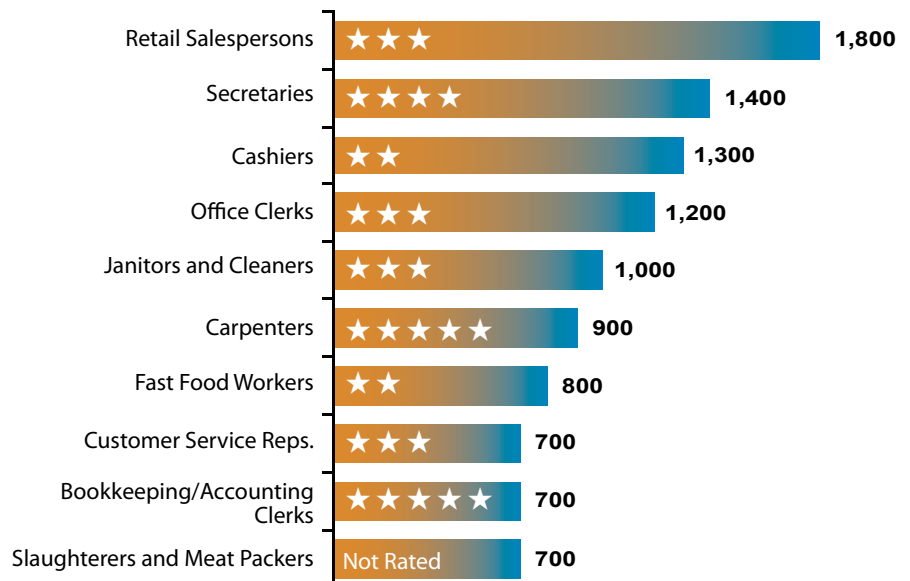
### WANTED: COSMETOLOGIST

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$9.30**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—300
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—3.3 percent
- Stars— ★ ★

Description—Provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May also apply make-up, dress wigs, perform hair removal, and provide nail and skin care services.

Consider this—Stiff competition is expected for jobs and clients at higher-paying salons as applicants compete with a large pool of licensed and experienced cosmetologists for these positions. There are roughly 23,000 cosmetologists licensed in Utah, but fewer than 7,000 individuals working in the profession (including self-employed). If you decide to pursue this popular occupation, be prepared to compete with many others for the good jobs.

### CACHE COUNTY OCCUPATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT 2006



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.